

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners Meeting
February 28, 2011 - 7:00 PM

On February 28, 2011, the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chair Yeatts at 7:01 PM. Selectmen present as Water Commissioners were: Selectman Yeatts and Selectman Olivier. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary.

Re-vote Water Assessment Statement regarding the Water Line Extension for Bedford Street

Ms. Garbitt explained that the Water Commissioners needed to revote their Water Assessment Statement of February 10, 2011 because there was an error in the plan that was referenced in the original Statement.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Olivier; with Chair Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: That we, the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Lakeville, having entered into a contract for the construction of a water works system, including but not limited to water pipes in public and private ways, intend to assess betterments or special assessments on certain parcels of land abutting or having access from Bedford Street and Precinct Street, that are to obtain a benefit from the water works system, such properties being identified on the schedule titled "Lakeville Water Betterment List," all of which will receive from this improvement a benefit or advantage beyond the general advantage to the community, and that we execute and acknowledge a statement of this intention and direct Town Counsel to record the same with the Registry of Deeds as a lien upon the properties to be assessed, provided that Town Counsel may update the names of owners on said schedule to reflect transfers of ownership as of the date and time of recording.
Unanimous in favor.

New Business

Chair Yeatts stated that she had a conference call with Mark Reich and Jeanne McKnight from Kopelman and Paige and had discussed the amendments to the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Taunton. She left a message with Cathal O'Brien, but did not hear back from him. Chair Yeatts will meet with him on the amendments, which are very minimum including Lakeville will meter all present and future water users; wording about the tie-in fee and the State Revolving Fund loan (SRF), which is for 20 years. The Town should have its own Water System by then. The City of Taunton may let the fees go in-lieu-of the benefits for the water tower. Selectman Olivier stated that the Town could take the line over at any time once there is a master meter in place. Chair Yeatts stated that the Town will still need the City of Taunton for the operation and maintenance of the lines and also for water testing. Selectman Olivier stated

that he was just wondering if there was some type of trade off. Chair Yeatts stated that Lakeville may charge fees or betterments for special assessments. Chair Yeatts will return to the Board after speaking to Mr. O'Brien with further information. Then, this will go to the City of Taunton. Ms. Garbitt stated that if during the 20 year term of the SRF, the Town can show that it can take it over in ten (10) years, the Town can go back in and amend the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Olivier; with Chair Yeatts stepping down to second and stepping back up to vote, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners meeting at 7:08 PM.
Unanimous in favor.